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Reserve Forces Policy Board,  
The Honorable Albert C. Zapanta, Chairman*

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## 5-6 OCT 04 QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The annual Board and Alumni meeting was held October 5-6, 2004 in Washington, DC. Following lunch in the Secretary of Defense's conference room, Chairman Zapanta made his opening remarks and introduction of the Senior Enlisted Advisors Council. The Council, comprising the seven Senior Enlisted Leaders of the Reserve components, and ASD/RA Command Sergeant Major, briefed the Board on vital issues they hoped the Board would endorse. The Board was then briefed by the Reserve components' Policy Boards and four Military Associations. The afternoon concluded with an update on legislative issues impacting the Reserve component.

On Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, the day began at the Army/Navy Country Club with a JFCOM briefing presented by MG Rich Wightman. The Board received briefings the remainder of the morning from the RC Chiefs or their representatives. Additionally, the Board held a teleconference call with Admiral Giambastiani (JFCOM Commander). The morning session ended with a CIOR and CIOR-M brief. LTG Steve Blum, Chief National Guard Bureau was the luncheon guest speaker. He provided an update on the Guard and their utilization in OIF and OEF. During the afternoon session, the Chairman hosted a Hail and Farewell ceremony for RADM Van Sice and RADM Duncan (arriving) and Maj Gen Spiegel (departing). Alumni, staff, and guests were introduced followed by the alumni adjourning for their meeting while the Board went into executive session.

## ANNUAL ALUMNI AND CITIZEN-PATRIOT AWARDS DINNER- 6 OCT 04

During the dinner, the Citizen-Patriot awards were presented. The recipients of this award have made a substantial contributions to the nation's defense and to national security and have demonstrated a lifetime pattern of excellence. The Unit award was presented to the 200<sup>th</sup> and 515<sup>th</sup> Coastal Artillery of the New Mexico National Guard, who survived the 65-mile Bataan Death March, two members from the 200th attended the dinner. The individual award was presented to the Honorable Melvin Laird, former Secretary of Defense. Honorable John Hamre, Former Deputy Secretary of Defense and President of CSIS, was the dinner speaker. Congressman Steve Pearce, New Mexico 2nd District, also attended.

## RFPB ANNUAL REPORT

The FY03 Annual Report has been signed and is being published. It will be forwarded to the President and both Houses of Congress. The report is focused on mobilization, equity, joint training, and other major issues the RC face as we support the GWOT. The report will soon be posted to our web site and hard copy and CD will also be made available.

## RFPB 2002-2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The RFPB Staff is consolidating a 3 year compilation of the Board's accomplishments. This presentation is a supplement to the RFPB's effort of education and outreach on behalf of the Reserve Components of the U.S. Armed Forces. It will be available on our website and for distribution in early 2005.

## RFPB UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◇ Quarterly Board Meeting, January 12, 2005
- ◇ Quarterly Board Meeting and Congressional Reception, April 19-20, 2005
- ◇ Annual RFPB Symposium, May 17-18, 2005 (tentative dates)
- ◇ Quarterly Board Meeting, July 26-27, 2005
- ◇ Quarterly Board Meeting and Annual Alumni Meeting, October 19-20, 2005 (tentative dates)

## BOARD MEMBERS HAIL AND FAREWELLS

### Hail

RADM Van Sice  
RADM Duncan

### Farewells

Maj Gen John Spiegel

## STAFF MEMBERS HAIL AND FAREWELLS

### Hail

Col Debra Larrabee  
COL Walter "Cary" Herin  
CAPT Gerald Golden  
LtCol Rickie Childs

### Farewells

COL Sam Nichols  
CAPT Wayne Stuart

*Seasons Greetings from the  
RFPB!*